

BA-2281

1896

Thom Cottage (Site)

Private

Rosewood Hospital Center

Owings Mills

Thom Cottage was a two-story hipped-roof stone building, seven bays long with a two-story porch on the west facade. Completed in 1896 to the design of the architect, J. Crawford Neilson, Thom Cottage was built to house epileptic patients.

This buildings was demolished in 1981 - 1982.

See also MHT archeological inventory, site number 18-BA-298.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thom Cottage (Site)

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number Rosewood Hospital Center \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Owings Mill \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maryland county Baltimore

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department Of Health and Mental Hygiene

street & number 301 West Preston St. telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Towson state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

le ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☒ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Thom Cottage, built in 1896, stood south of Pembroke Cottage and north of Stump Cottage and in line with both these buildings. The building was oriented west.

As depicted in old photographs, Thom Cottage was a two-story stone building, seven bays long with a two-story porch on the west facade. There was a two-story entrance porch on the south and an east two-story stone wing with an arcade on the first story. There was an octagonal cupola with ribbed dome in the center of the hipped roof.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1896	Builder/Architect	J. Crawford Neilson
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check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☒ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Thom Cottage was significant as the first building specially constructed for the care of epileptic patients at Rosewood. In 1891 the Rosewood Board of Visitors requested legislative funding for a separate building for epileptics who were felt to be a disruptive influence on the other mentally retarded patients. Their request repeatedly denied, the Board in 1895 announced a gift by Board president Pembroke Thom of \$5,305 for the construction of the cottage. In January 1896 the building, named Thom Cottage after its donor, was completed by Mr. Marshall, the contractor to the designs of the architect J. Crawford Neilson. Neilson was responsible for the design of the Pembroke Cottage built in 1892 and the two buildings were similar in appearance. Built to house twenty-nine epileptic males, it was expanded in 1909 to hold seventy-five patients in addition to schoolrooms and staff quarters. In 1913, a porch similar to that added to Pembroke was constructed at a cost of \$932.

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Reisterstown Quad.  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale - 1:24,000

3.3 MI. TO MD. 130  
BALTIMORE (JUNC. U.S. 1) 12 MI.

(COCKEYSVILLE)  
5662 1 NW

1.3 MI. TO MD. 129  
5.2 MI. TO MD. 25

LE 2 MI  
1.85 MI.

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South Elevation  
Don Jewell - 4/85  
Negatives at MHT

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